

Instructions for Reading the "Election Results" Spreadsheet

The spreadsheet entitled "Election Results" contains information and calculations that I believe would be beneficial in using in order to achieve election reform in the US. It is becoming apparent that the American people are becoming weary of the Electoral College, but many in the government are unwilling to part with it. So, as a tool of compromise, I have developed a new system that will A) keep the electoral college and B) let people feel as if their vote fully counts. To simplify the way the process works, I have used this year's election results to show how it works. The system works as follows...

First, I tabulated all of the votes obtained by each presidential candidate in each state.

Second, I made a total of the votes in each state in the column marked "State Total" and the total number of votes each candidate received in the row entitled "Vote Total".

Third, I divided the total number of votes in the state by the overall votes cast nationwide in the elections. This gives a % in each state that will help determine the number of electoral votes that state will receive for that year's election.

Fourth, I multiplied each state's % by the total number of electoral votes (538) to arrive at the total number of electoral votes that state will give to the winner of the popular vote in that state. This could also get rid of the need for actual electors in each state as it should be mandatory that the winner of the popular vote in each state receive that state's electoral votes.

Fifth, at the bottom of the spreadsheet a totaled what the electoral vote count would have been for this election using this system. In this case, Gore would have received 40 more electoral votes than Bush.

THIS IS IN NO WAY A REFLECTION OF MY PERSONAL POLITICAL VIEWS IN THIS ELECTION. Rather, it is an efficient and effective way to run the elections of our country in the future and should have no influence on this year's election. This method not only allows every vote to actually count, but it also encourages voting in every state as the more votes a state casts, the more electoral votes that state may have to offer the victor.

****Figures are as of 11/28/2000 from <http://www.cnn.com>**

State	Browne	Buchanan	Bush	Gore	Hagelin	Nader	None	Phillips	State Total	% of Vote Total	Adjusted Electoral Vote	State Winner
Alabama	6,260	6,317	943,799	696,741	465	18,055		807	1,672,444	1.61%	9	Bush
Alaska	2,115	4,254	136,068	64,252	737	22,789		452	230,667	0.22%	1	Bush
Arizona		11,478	715,112	635,730	1,054	41,937			1,405,311	1.35%	7	Bush
Arkansas	7,703	10,960	472,120	420,424	1,052	13,275		1,404	926,938	0.89%	5	Bush
California	44,292	43,751	4,437,557	5,721,195	10,576	405,722		16,484	10,679,577	10.30%	55	Gore
Colorado	12,803	10,479	884,047	738,470	2,242	91,482		1,319	1,740,842	1.68%	9	Bush
Connecticut	3,288	4,398	545,954	795,861		60,644		9,596	1,419,741	1.37%	7	Gore
Delaware	774	775	137,081	180,638	107	8,288		207	327,870	0.32%	2	Gore
Florida	16,102	17,472	2,911,872	2,910,942	2,274	97,419		1,378	5,957,459	5.74%	31	Bush
Georgia	36,473	10,921	1,416,085	1,110,755					2,574,234	2.48%	13	Gore
Hawaii	1,476	1,071	137,785	205,209	306	21,609		343	367,799	0.35%	2	Gore
Idaho	3,489	7,687	336,299	138,354	1,155			1,488	488,472	0.47%	3	Bush
Illinois	11,621	16,106	2,019,256	2,588,884	2,127	103,754			4,741,748	4.57%	25	Gore
Indiana	16,780	17,374	1,242,372	899,836					2,176,362	2.10%	11	Bush
Iowa	3,345	5,731	634,225	638,355	2,278	29,352		613	1,313,899	1.27%	7	Gore
Kansas	4,457	7,277	616,829	392,867	1,348	35,706		1,245	1,059,729	1.02%	5	Bush
Kentucky	2,944	4,181	869,946	637,518	1,538	23,125		1,415	1,540,667	1.49%	8	Bush
Louisiana	3,018	14,478	924,670	789,837	1,089	20,817		5,900	1,759,809	1.70%	9	Bush
Maine	2,961	4,324	284,724	316,109		37,842		823	646,783	0.62%	3	Gore
Maryland	4,992	4,067	770,911	1,093,344		51,078		864	1,925,256	1.86%	10	Gore
Mass.	16,353	11,086	876,906	1,610,175	2,829	173,758			2,691,107	2.59%	14	Gore
Michigan	13,814		1,947,100	2,141,721	2,327	83,838		3,575	4,192,375	4.04%	22	Gore
Minnesota	5,397	22,268	1,110,290	1,168,190	2,294	126,586		3,272	2,438,297	2.35%	13	Gore
Mississippi	2,117	2,237	549,426	400,845	437	7,899		3,086	966,047	0.93%	5	Bush
Missouri	7,432	9,806	1,189,521	1,110,826	1,110	38,488		1,959	2,359,142	2.27%	12	Bush
Montana	1,723	5,735	239,755	137,264	679	24,487		1,155	410,798	0.40%	2	Bush
Nebraska	2,102	3,431	408,719	215,616	448	22,975		441	653,732	0.63%	3	Bush
Nevada	3,309	4,747	301,539	279,949	415	15,004	3,315	621	608,899	0.59%	3	Bush
New Hamp.	2,723	2,603	273,135	265,853		22,156		326	566,796	0.55%	3	Bush
New Jersey	6,890	6,919	1,253,791	1,747,445	2,273	92,184		1,219	3,110,721	3.00%	16	Gore
New Mexico	2,055	1,409	285,933	286,112	364	21,227		343	597,443	0.58%	3	Gore
New York	7,504	33,356	2,235,776	3,767,609	30,729	223,547		2,680	6,301,201	6.08%	33	Gore
North Carolina	12,284	8,971	1,607,238	1,236,721					2,865,214	2.76%	15	Bush
North Dakota	672	7,330	175,572	96,098	301	9,530		372	289,875	0.28%	2	Bush
Ohio	12,953	25,980	2,294,167	2,117,741	809	114,482		3,829	4,569,961	4.41%	24	Bush
Oklahoma	6,602	9,014	744,335	474,326					1,234,277	1.19%	6	Bush
Oregon	7,432	7,043	712,705	719,165	2,575	77,186		2,186	1,528,292	1.47%	8	Gore
Pennsylvania	11,664	16,879	2,264,309	2,465,412		102,453		15,252	4,875,969	4.70%	25	Gore
Rhode Island	707	2,256	132,535	254,500	279	24,194		91	414,562	0.40%	2	Gore
South Carolina	5,138	3,540	804,826	578,143	947	21,008		1,828	1,415,430	1.36%	7	Bush
South Dakota	1,664	3,314	190,515	118,750				1,780	316,023	0.30%	2	Bush
Tennessee	4,256	4,218	1,056,480	977,789	705	19,694		993	2,064,135	1.99%	11	Bush
Texas	23,166	12,426	3,796,850	2,429,329		137,716			6,399,487	6.17%	33	Bush
Utah	3,603	9,277	512,168	201,734	759	35,661		2,643	765,845	0.74%	4	Bush
Vermont	728	2,182	119,273	148,166	210	19,810		190	290,559	0.28%	2	Gore
Virginia	15,085	5,592	1,431,654	1,221,094		59,270		1,823	2,734,518	2.64%	14	Bush
Wash., D.C.	641	7,117	17,020	162,004	2,898	9,925		1,956	201,561	0.19%	1	Gore
Washington	13,009		1,101,621	1,240,302		101,906			2,456,838	2.37%	13	Gore
West Virginia	1,905	3,101	329,708	291,088	375	10,440			636,617	0.61%	3	Bush
Wisconsin	6,599	11,379	1,235,035	1,240,431	848	93,553		2,036	2,589,881	2.50%	13	Gore
Wyoming	1,456	2,724	147,674	60,421	427			724	213,426	0.21%	1	Bush
Vote Total	385,876	449,041	49,782,288	50,140,140	83386	2,771,871	3,315	98718	103,714,635	100.00%	538	

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